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For: A SUPPORT ELEMENT FOR AN )  
INTEGRATED MODULE FOR )  
BLOOD TREATMENT, AN )  
INTEGRATED MODULE FOR )  
BLOOD TREATMENT, AND A )  
MANUFACTURING PROCESS )  
FOR AN INTEGRATED MODULE )  
FOR BLOOD TREATMENT )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English translations of the Abstracts of the non-English documents are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	4,436,620	Mar 13, 1984	Bellotti et al.	210	90	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
	WO 01/08722	Feb 8, 2001	PCT			Yes (Abstract)
	EP 0 887 100	Dec 30, 1998	Europe			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/IB2004/000055

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